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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS IN MOROCCO

CAIRO FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM

1. IN ACCORDANCE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN SECRETARY AND KING, I AM RETURNING RABAT NOVEMBER 15 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON "LEVEL OF RELATIONSHIP". MY MANDATE IS TO DEMONSTRATE TO EXTENT WE CAN THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE KING'S FRIENDSHIP AND ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. TO THIS END MY DISCUSSIONS IN MOROCCO SHOULD FOCUS ON WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING, WHAT MOROCCO'S NEEDS ARE, AND WHAT REALISTIC POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR ADDITIONAL U.S. ACTIVITY. DISCUSSIONS NOT INTENDED TO REACH CONCLUSIONS OR SUGGEST COMMITMENTS BUT TO PREPARE WAY FOR FURTHER ACTION PRIOR TO ANTICIPATED STATE VISIT BY KING IN FIRST HALF OF 1974.

2. TO THIS END I SUGGEST NOVEMBER 16 BEGIN WITH MEETING WITH STATE, AID AND DOD REPRESENTATIVES IN MOROCCO TO GIVE ME FULL UP-TO-DATE PICTURE OF OUR CURRENT PROGRAMS PRIOR TO ANY
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MEETINGS WITH MOROCCANS. I WOULD ANTICIPATE MEETING THAT DAY

WITH MOROCCANS PRIMARILY TO HEAR THEM OUTLINE MORE SPECIFICALLY THEIR NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS. SUCH MEETING WOULD ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIBE REALISTIC LIMITS OUR OWN CAPABILITIES AND HOPEFULLY TO DISCUSS WITH MOROCCANS ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO THEM. I WOULD ALSO HOPE TO DETERMINE DEGREE TO WHICH FIVE-YEAR PLAN REPRESENTS REALISTIC BASE FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION AND TO DETERMINE WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE MOROCCAN RESPONSES TO OUR PRESENT PROGRAMS.

3. FOLLOWING WEEKEND BREAK, I WOULD ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL MEETING TO REFINE RESULTS OF FRIDAY'S SESSION FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING SPECIFIC REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO SECRETARY.

4. SHOULD EITHER AID/WASHINGTON OR DOD WISH SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO JOINT ME IN RABAT, I WOULD WELCOME THEIR PRESENCE.

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